

House Resolution No. 4710

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in national competition; and

Whereas, Makenna Fulmer of Lee's Summit has attained considerable distinction as a student at Archbishop O'Hara High School; and

Whereas, the daughter of Denny and Martha Fulmer, Makenna Fulmer is an honor roll student and an outstanding player on the girls soccer team; and

Whereas, Makenna Fulmer recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she attained a near-perfect score in October at the first national WordMasters Challenge of the school year; and

Whereas, more than 50,000 students from forty-six states entered the October meet, and Makenna Fulmer was one of only 127 to attain a near-perfect score; and

Whereas, the WordMasters Challenge requires close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry with an underlying premise that attentive reading and sensitivity to language are among the most important skills students acquire in school; and

Whereas, the October WordMasters Challenge utilized an award-winning story by Edith Pearlman as the text for junior and senior high school students to parse in search for emotional or rational logic and how the writer's style shapes and shades meaning; and

Whereas, the WordMasters Challenge program will provide three more competitions in the coming months before awarding medals and certificates in June to students who achieve or improve the most during the course of the year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered thus far in national competition this school year by Makenna Fulmer and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, academic, and competitive success in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Makenna Fulmer of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4710, adopted December 22, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker